

**Lawrence County Baptist  
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# PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

## *Fourteenth Annual Session*

— OF THE —

# LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

## NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTICELLO, R. F. D., MISSISSIPPI

Beginning Thursday, October 1st, 1914

## NEXT MEETING

PLACE—Hathorn church, at Hathorn, on Columbia Branch of the  
G. & S. I. R. R.

TIME—Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915, including  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

PREACHER—R. F. Bass.

## OFFICERS

D. M. LEE, Moderator ..... Monticello, Miss.  
C. E. GIBSON, Clerk ..... Monticello, Miss.  
T. C. CARR, Treasurer ..... Monticello, Miss.



# PROCEEDINGS

Monticello, Miss., October 1st, 1914.

The Lawrence County Baptist Association assembled for its fourteenth annual session, seven miles west of Monticello, in the New Zion Baptist church, this day at 10 o'clock.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by N. A. Edmonds.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and appointed R. H. Townsend, T. C. Carr and J. M. Jones as a Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Association dispensed with the reading of the associational letters, and the names of the delegates from the churches were enrolled by the Clerk, as follows:

Antioch—L. I. Thompson, W. W. Lambert, Riley Townsend.  
Arm—W. J. Bourn.  
Bethel—B. F. Polk, H. H. Bass, Lee Polk, A. H. McGuffee.  
Bismark—Earnest Dunaway.  
Calvary—J. M. Armstrong, W. J. Weathersby.  
Carmel—J. H. Hedgepeth, J. H. Nation, D. Glover.  
Crooked Creek—Mack Sutton, W. I. Cliburn, L. E. Sills.  
Hathorn—Oscar White, J. A. Davis, S. V. Toller.  
Jay Ess—G. W. Alexander, W. L. Alexander.  
Monticello—I. N. Bass, Jos. Dale, D. M. Lee, C. E. Gibson.  
New Hebron—H. C. Lane, N. A. Edmonds.  
New Hope—J. M. Ritchie, J. L. Catt, T. V. Neal.  
New Zion—J. R. Cox, R. H. Townsend, W. D. Carr, C. M. Carr.  
Oma—A. A. Russell, Elias Nations.  
Oakvale—L. S. Polk, J. M. Jones.  
Providence—J. D. Ham, Dr. J. P. Conn.  
Shiloh—E. B. White, Preston Keen.  
Silver Creek—W. D. Fortenberry, Rodney Rodgers.  
Smith Ferry—J. I. Breland, H. T. Wilson.  
Sontag—W. R. Gibson, W. F. Byrne.  
Tilton—W. C. Mohan.

The Association was now duly organized by electing D. M. Lee, Moderator; C. E. Gibson, Clerk; and T. C. Carr, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed H. C. Lane to prepare a report on Laymen's Missionary Movement, in place of Dr. L. R. Bush, who was absent.

The Association joined in singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," after which T. C. McCullough read the report on Denominational Schools, and after being discussed by him, J. W. Weathersby, L. I. Thompson and N. A. Edmonds, was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

It has been the policy of leading Baptists for many years to uphold denominational schools. In fact, this idea of a school for the denomination is practically incorporated in the Baptist belief. It is true that our denominational school, through the efforts of the late Dr. Webb, is directly responsible for the present position and strength of Baptists in Mississippi. For we know that he, at great personal sacrifice, did hold together our college at a crucial period and did give to the Baptists of Mississippi a strong force of well equipped men; and these men, by making use of the training acquired at that time, forced the Baptist church to the front in our State.

It is a fact, however, that some of our brethren are disposed to criticise our policy of maintaining denominational schools. We know that some think too many calls are being made on behalf of the schools. We often hear the questions: Will they never stop campaigning for endowment funds? Will the cost of sending to denominational schools never cease to rise, notwithstanding the fact that we are urged continually to increase college subscriptions? In answer to these questions I would say that conditions are changing materially. Accommodations once sufficient for 150 students will not take care of 450 students now. Preparation sufficient to meet the demands of forty years ago will not approach the requirements for the demands of today. It costs me more to live than it cost my father. So it requires more for the student of today than it took for the student four decades ago. In my opinion the cost of maintaining a denominational school and of keeping a student in such a school is but the result of the change forty years of progress has brought about.

As I see it, Mississippi College is the best asset the Baptists of Mississippi have. For I hold that the boys from this college are leaders in church work wherever they go. While in college they learn probably by absorption the necessity and value of church work. And wherever you go you will find them enlisted in our denominational work. They are prepared to do the work intelligently and



they go at it with enthusiasm. I maintain that as an indirect result of life in Mississippi College, we have a most telling force of church workers.

My conclusion is that we, as Baptists, must continue in our loyal support of our college for men. The demands on us as a denomination will continue to grow. To meet these increasing demands, we must have men. I can think of no better place to fit and prepare men than in a Greater Mississippi College. And I bid Dr. Provine godspeed in his great work.

The mistake of the nations of the past was with their women. If man is to rise high in the scale of civilization and Christianity, woman must also be lifted up. For she is the most potent factor in the life of man. As woman is so also will man be.

This is likewise true in denominational work. We must take care of our women if we expect our men to attain excellence. By a mere coincidence, for many years our women have been trained in private colleges whose leaders happened to be Baptists. But we have finally seen the importance of a Baptist school for Baptist women. We look now with pride on our new Woman's College. Last year we enrolled 205 girls at our new school. The work was most gratifying. With increased accommodations and bright prospects we expect great things from our Woman's College this session.

The last State Convention, acting on the advice of the Education Commission, took over from the General Association Clarke Memorial College. It seems to be the plan to affiliate the work of this school with that of Mississippi College, thus relieving any congestion that might occur in the first two years' work. It will also be enabled to give a substantial religious training to boys who may never enter Mississippi College. Dr. M. O. Patterson, a Lawrence county boy, is at the head of this institution and he is doing a good work. No doubt this school, properly administered, will do much toward meeting the demands on Baptist schools.

T. C. McCULLOUGH.

J. M. Jones read for Wade Polk the report on Mississippi Baptist Hospital, and after being discussed by N. A. Edmonds, was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The Roman Catholic church, centuries ago, saw and realized the possibilities of charity hospitals to scatter the seeds of their doctrine, and grasped the opportunity to which is largely due their influence and hold upon the nations of the world.

Their hospitals have ever stood as object lessons to other denominations, but they have been too slow to see what they had lost and were losing, until recent years disclosed the facts, and now

hospitals at home and in foreign fields are being built, where people can go for the treatment of their diseases, and at the same time opportunities are presented for them to hear of Christ and His love for lost humanity.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is one of those institutions only recently established. It cares for both charity and pay patients and is open to all reputable physicians and surgeons, and to the sick of all denominations.

During the year just closing, 340 patients have been cared for in our building which has only eight rooms for patients. This is 100 more than were cared for during the previous year. Of these 232 were charged regular prices for services rendered; reduction in prices were made to 59, while 54 were cared for without charge. The benevolent services rendered, figured on a conservative basis, amounts to \$1,501.83.

In addition to this, the benevolent work done by the physicians and surgeons practicing in the hospital amounts to \$3,358.00, representing services rendered to 81 patients. Besides this, they made substantial reductions to many others.

This benevolent service was rendered without any consideration as to denominational alignments. Among the number were six children from the Baptist Orphanage, 10 from the Methodist Orphanage and four from the Mississippi Home Finding Society.

Out of 340 patients treated, there were only 13 deaths, divided as follows: 244 operations, eight deaths; 96 medical cases, five deaths.

Notwithstanding the large amount of benevolent work done, it is a pleasure to report that all current expenses have been met and something has been paid on old accounts. This has been made possible by collections from patients who were able to pay, by cash contribution from individuals, and many excellent donations from our W. M. U's, as well as by the practice of rigid economy.

Work was resumed on the new building about the first of July and is progressing nicely. It is hoped the building will be ready for occupancy by Thanksgiving. In order to proceed with this work, the trustees have issued and sold \$30,000 worth of six per cent. bonds. These bonds are to be redeemed within seven years and are secured by subscriptions secured and by the buildings of the institution.

The needs of the institution:

That the people of the State know more of the hospital that they might pray and work for it more intelligently.

That the prompt payment of all subscriptions as they fall due, and further subscriptions to cover deficiencies in those already secured.

The formation of a "Benevolent Circle" for systematic assistance in "helping those who cannot help themselves."

Let us rejoice in the work the Lord has enabled the hospital to do, and rally with new courage to the enlarged opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE POLK.

Dr. J. P. Conn and J. D. Ham were appointed to prepare a report on Ministerial Education in place of C. H. Conn, who was absent.

E. B. White was appointed to prepare a report on Ministerial Relief, in place of W. C. Maxwell.

W. M. Lambert was appointed to prepare a report on Church Discipline in place of A. T. Longino.

J. W. Weathersby was appointed in place of J. A. Andrews, who was absent, to write a report on Temperance.

The Moderator appointed J. M. Armstrong, I. N. Bass and Mack Sutton a committee on Items of Special Interest.

The Moderator appointed N. A. Edmonds, R. H. Townsend, J. M. Jones and J. M. Ritchie as a committee on Nominations.

The Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by J. W. Weathersby.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After song service, T. C. McCullough led in prayer.

##### Correspondence arranged as follows:

Lincoln County Association—L. I. Thompson, J. R. Cox, W. R. Gibson, Dr. J. P. Conn, E. B. White, D. M. Lee, C. E. Gibson.

Jefferson Davis County Association—N. A. Edmonds, J. M. Armstrong, J. W. Weathersby, Dr. J. P. Conn, I. N. Bass, D. M. Lee.

Bogue Chitto Association—L. I. Thompson.

Pearl River Association—J. A. Davis, S. V. Toller.

Strong River Association—N. A. Edmonds, J. W. Weathersby.

Mississippi Baptist Convention—N. A. Edmonds.

##### Correspondence received:

Mississippi College—Robert Bass.

Baptist Record—Robert Bass.

Foreign Missions—N. A. Edmonds.

State Missions—J. W. Weathersby.

Upon the request of L. I. Thompson, who had been elected to preach the associational sermon, and it being the will of the Association, Brother N. A. Edmonds preached the associational sermon, the same having been passed by the mutual consent of the body to the afternoon hour. The Scripture passage read was the 54th

chapter of Isaiah, the text being taken from the second verse thereof. Brother L. I. Thompson led the Association in prayer, after which "Power in the Blood" was sung.

Brother D. M. Lee read the report on Missions, and after having been discussed by him, L. I. Thompson, J. W. Weathersby and N. A. Edmonds, was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Missions means the extension of God's kingdom here on earth. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." So Christ came into the world to make provisions for the salvation of the lost, and in His death and resurrection there was an atonement for sin. He not only wrought out the plan of redemption but He made provisions by which His kingdom should be preached throughout the world. Hence the great commandment, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen." Christ taught His disciples to pray that His kingdom might come, and that His will might be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

He also taught them that they should be witnesses for Him both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This work to be done under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. So all Jesus began to do and teach were committed into the hands of His disciples.

After His death and resurrection, they began the work of preaching and teaching the gospel in His name, so that the preaching of the gospel has been carried from generation to generation, by them who love His cause.

For convenience, Missions have been divided into three classes, viz.: Foreign, State and Home. State Missions is carried on through our State Board, with J. B. Lawrence as Secretary. Home Missions is carried on through the Home Mission Board. Foreign Missions is carried on through the Foreign Mission Board. All of the said Boards are now in need of money with which to carry on the work.

Your committee would recommend a more liberal and systematic plan of giving.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. LEE.

W. R. Gibson read the report on Sunday Schools, and after having been discussed by him and J. M. Ritchie, was adopted, as follows:



**REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

The Sunday School is so important and the work is so far reaching in its effect that it should find a place in every Baptist church in this Association, and in this South land.

It is through the Sunday School work that a large majority of our boys and girls are taught the plan of salvation, and are led to trust in Jesus, as their Savior, and to accept Him in early life.

The Sunday School is such a great factor in developing the Christian life and character it should find a warm place in every heart, and should be attended by every member of the family, if possible, every Sunday.

The purpose of the Sunday School should be to enlist every one—both old and young—to attend the Sunday School every Sunday, for in the Sunday School is the best place, next to that of the home, to teach the children the great but simple plan of salvation, for it is in the Sunday School that we form opinions of the great plans as taught by God's Word, and where lasting impressions for good are made. This being true, no one should be allowed to hold office or teach a class save those whose hearts are flowing with the love of God. The boys and girls of today will be the church members in the near future, and it is to them that we must look to carry on the work that the Savior has left with His disciples when He left this world.

The Sunday School has accomplished much good in the past, but we are yet on the background. We should use the best help within our reach in the study of the great plan of salvation, but above all the Bible should be the rule and guide of our onward march to that great beyond to which we, as Christians, shall rejoice; that when the end of the journey has been reached, the Lord shall say, "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GIBSON.

J. M. Armstrong read the report on Orphanage, and after having been discussed by him, was adopted as follows:

**REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.**

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage (our home for homeless children), located at Jackson, was established seventeen years ago. The object of this home is to provide food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents nor other relatives to care for them.

Since its establishment more than 700 children have been cared

for, for a longer or shorter time. Many of them have grown up in the home and have gone out into the world to take their places in society, most of them fulfilling useful missions in the world. We have now in the home 240 children.

We believe orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ, and our home at Jackson certainly has the stamp of His divine approval, and much has been accomplished by the united efforts of our people.

This year has been a hard one with our home. Early in the spring two children coming into the home brought the measles, which spread throughout the home. There were about 175 cases in the home—130 in bed at one time. But through the skillful doctoring and nursing, and blessing of our Heavenly Father, there was only one death. Owing to the burning of the school house last year, the board, at an April meeting, ordered the erection of a brick school house, that would accommodate 300 children. This building is now ready for use. Much of the work on the house was done by the superintendent and children to reduce the cost, but with that we had to borrow \$4,500. This money must be replaced. If all our churches will come to the help of the orphanage, this indebtedness can be easily met. We would recommend that all our Sunday Schools would adopt the plan of giving one collection per month to the orphanage. Five dollars per month will support an orphan. We would also recommend that each church in the association make an effort to secure a contribution from each member during the month of November as a thank-offering. This may be accomplished by the church through the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and L. A. S. We learn with sorrow that our superintendent has had to borrow money to buy bread for our orphan children. This ought not to be, and we trust that our people will be more liberal in the support of the orphanage.

Let our churches, besides cash, send boxes of clothing (good secondhand clothing are accepted), canned goods, groceries of all kinds, syrup, shoes, stockings (mostly large ones), and any other thing that can be used in providing for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee on Apportionment: W. R. Gibson, Chairman; W. M. Lambert, W. J. Bourn, B. F. Polk, A. H. McGuffee, J. W. Weathersby, L. E. Sills, D. Glover, S. V. Toller, I. N. Bass, W. C. Mohan, J. R. Cox, H. C. Lane, J. M. Ritchie, J. D. Ham, E. B. White, J. I. Breland, W. D. Fortenberry, J. M. Jones, Elias Nations, E. Dunaway, G. W. Alexander.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Benediction by J. M. Ritchie.

**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

The Moderator called the Association to order and after song service W. R. Gibson led the Association in prayer.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and adopted.

W. M. Lambert read the report on Church Discipline, and after having been discussed by J. M. Ritchie and L. I. Thompson, was adopted, as follows:

**REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.**

We, your committee on Church Discipline, will say that we approve the division of this subject as set forth by the report for the past two years. We are glad that this subject has been discussed by the Association, for there is no subject of more importance.

We believe in a strict church discipline. We are not strict enough in our church rulings, for we should keep our church clean by withdrawing from those who prove by their daily lives that they are not Christians. We should watch our church members, as a good shepherd watches after his sheep. When a man wanders from the teaching of Christ, we should go to him and talk with him, and try to bring him back to the fold. We should watch our new members who are only babes in Christ more closely and see that they are kept under the care and teaching of Christ, and we should ever be willing to lend them a helping hand. We should watch over all members, as well as ourselves, but not for strife, confusion or division. We should keep in our hearts a love for each other.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LAMBERT.

J. I. Breland read for E. B. White the report on Ministerial Relief, and after having been discussed by Brethren J. I. Breland, Robert Bass and E. B. White, was adopted, as follows:

**REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.**

The word "sustentation" should remind us of the disabled ministers within the bounds of our State, and encourage us to the discharge of our duty as Baptists, to these disabled servants of God.

While the number of these dependent servants are few, yet their needs are great, and owing to the scarcity of funds, it is next to impossible to meet these needs, which fact should behoove us to greater action. Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40.)

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Therefore, let us see to it that our Corresponding Secretary is supplied with sufficient funds to meet every need for the coming winter; so that all these needy ministers are supplied, and to this end we urge contributions from every church in this Association, sufficient at least to meet this demand.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. WHITE.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by J. W. Weathersby and was adopted, as follows:

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The word "temperance" means moderation. There are too many things in which we should be moderate for us to undertake to discuss them all in a brief report like this. Therefore, we will have to be content to discuss only one phase of the subject—the liquor traffic.

The liquor traffic is one of the worst social evils we have to contend with. There are more lives wrecked and more homes blighted from this one curse than from all the other social evils combined. I do not like the word "temperance" with respect to the liquor traffic. That word carries with it the idea that whiskey may be used with moderation without any serious consequence. I think the term is misleading. I believe the term "total abstinence" is a better term.

The social dram drinker is doing more harm than the "sot" drunkard. The devil never holds up the "sot" drunkard to the timid young man, but always the social dram drinker. He says to the young man, "I am not asking you to be like the man you saw in the ditch yesterday, for no one wants to be like him. You know old Brother Jenkins. He is the best member that the Baptist church has. He sings loud and prays long, and do you know, he takes his 'toddy' every morning? That's the kind of a man I want you to be."

Christian people should let whiskey alone. Treat it like you would the deadliest poison. There is no place for it on the Christian bill of fare. The saloon is the devil's trap, and the man who allows himself to be caught therein is not wise.

If the money that is spent for whiskey should be spent for missions, the evangelization of the world would be an easy task.

A great many of our church members spend more for their Christmas "jug" than they pay the whole year for religious causes combined. Why all this inconsistency?



Let us either lay down whiskey or get out of the church.  
There is no room in the same man for whiskey and religion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WEATHERSBY.

H. C. Lane read the report on Layman's Missionary Work, and after having been discussed by him, L. I. Thompson and Earnest Dunaway, was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

The committee has sought to be aggressive during the past year in advocating the principles for which this movement stands—the promotion of missionary intelligence among the men; a proper recognition of the obligation of Christian stewardship; a systematic effort to deepen the piety of business men; a constant emphasis upon the priority of Christ's claim upon the thought, time, talent, and treasure of Christian men; an unswerving loyalty to the local church and its divinely appointed leader, the pastor; and the general adoption and vigorous execution of Scriptural methods of finance.

#### Recommendations.

1. That every church elect a strong missionary committee, and that, as a means of promoting missionary intelligence and interest, this committee, with the co-operation of the pastor, have charge of one prayer meeting service each month. Seek to give every man possible from time to time some share, however simple, in these programs.

2. That all our churches be urged to make as thorough provision at the first of the year by an intensive every-member canvass for the mission fund as for current expenses. We make business-like provision for the pastor's salary; why not for missions? Let the boards be enabled to look to all our leading churches for at least their apportionment with as much assurance of receiving it as if it were guaranteed by a national bank. Christian business men owe this much to the kingdom; let them be as wise as the children of this world.

3. We suggest that much emphasis be placed upon tithing as a minimum standard of giving that is practical and that yields most gratifying results. Your committee notes with much hope and gratification the rapid growth of sentiment in this direction. Tithing bands are becoming more numerous, and their membership

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is constantly on the increase. There are few backsliders among tithers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. LANE.

The Moderator apointed, N. A. Edmonds and L. I. Thompson, as the committee, recommended in the report on nominations.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

That Rev. R. F. Bass preach the Associational sermon, with Rev. Earnest Dunaway, alternate.

That Rev. N. A. Edmonds be our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Rev. L. I. Thompson, alternate.

We recommend that the churches defray the expenses of the said delegate to the said convention, to be sent to the Associational Treasurer, T. C. Carr, not later than April 15th, 1915.

That the following named brethern write reports on the following named subjects, to be read at the next meeting of this Association.

Missions—N. A. Edmonds.

Denominational Schools—C. E. Gibson.

Publications—H. C. Lane.

Orphanage—D. M. Lee.

Ministerial Education—L. I. Thompson.

Church Discipline—J. M. Armstrong.

Ministerial Relief—J. M. Richie.

Temperance—W. R. Gibson.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Dr. T. C. Langston.

Layman's Missionary Movement—T. C. McCullough.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital—Dr. J. P. Conn.

Sunday School—J. W. Weathersby.

We recommend that this association appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the State Convention, relative to a time of meeting, that will not conflict with other adjoining associations. Said committee to report at the next meeting of the Association.

That the Association meet Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1915, with the Hathorn church.

N. A. EDMONDS, Chairman,

R. H. TOWNSEND,

J. M. RICHIE,

J. M. JONES,

Committee.

The Moderator also appointed H. C. Lane, J. M. Armstrong, J. D. Ham B. M. Russell and Mack Sutton to confer with the proper committee of the Men's Convention to be held at a place to be selected, and that this committee try to work up interest in having as many of the pastors and Laymen to attend the State convention as possible, at a place to be elected.

Bro. J. R. Carter, discussed the report on the Baptist Orphanage, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$17.41.

J. E. Bird discussed the Sunday School report, recommending that this association should have a County Sunday School Convention, and upon motion it was ordered by the Association that a convention of that kind be organized at once. A committee for this purpose being suggested, the moderator appointed N. A. Edmonds, J. M. Armstrong and T. C. McCullough.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, on Finance, beg to report that we have received from the churches composing this Association for the purposes for which it was given the following amounts.

State Missions .....	\$23.85
Home Missions .....	20.74
Minutes and Clerk .....	40.57

Total ..... \$92.16

For which we hold treasurer's receipt. We have also examined the treasurers report and find that he has vouchers for all money paid out, and that there is no balance on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. JONES,

R. H. TOWNSEND.

T. C. CARR, Chairman.

The Report on Publication, not being ready for presentation at this hour, it was agreed by the association that the subject should be open for discussion, and that the report should be read in the afternoon. N. A. Edmonds, L. I. Thompson and Robert Bass, discussed the question of the proper literature for the home and for the soul.

On motion the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by R. C. Myers.

#### AFTER NOON SESSION.

After song service, the Association was led in prayer by J. E. Byrd.

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The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed: J. E. Byrd, Secretary Sunday School Convention Board; J. R. Carter, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage.

L. I. Thompson read for Miss Gertie O'Mara, the report on Woman's Work, and after having been discussed by him, Miss Gertie O'Mara and J. E. Byrd, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The work known as Woman's Work is and will continue to be very helpful in all of our church work. Woman has always been loyal to her Lord. The churches are waking up to the fact that the work of a saved woman is as essential to the church as the work of a saved man.

With love for him, she has, for many years sought a better way of furthering the cause. This earnest desire has found its way into organizations, such as Woman's Missionary Societies. These organizations are for educational and missionary work. Through the efforts of our women these societies in our state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, have not only increased in number, but in interest in our denominational work.

Our women are becoming educated along this line of work, as shown by their gifts, and are also seeing importance of missions because it helps to uphold Christian civilization. Year after year we have women who are offering themselves for service at home and abroad.

The work of the union is done through the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, its own Missionary Training Schools, the Margaret Fund for the education of missionaries' children, and personal service is stimulated by its own missionary magazine.

May it be the prayer not only of the Union, but also of the church, that the pastors of this association encourage and help their ladies to organize this work. Great things can be done with God's help.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS GERTIE O'MARA.

The committee on "Items of Special Interest" made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT ON ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

We, your committee on Items of Special Interest, beg to make the following report:

Pastors' Salary .....	\$3,088.54
Building and Repairing .....	630.25



# LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Incidentals .....	266.11
Visiting Ministers .....	490.18
Sunday School Expenses .....	283.50
To the Poor .....	163.75
State Missions .....	339.23
Home Missions .....	320.63
Foreign Missions .....	319.54
Other Objects .....	312.66
Orphanage .....	289.26
Colleges and Schools .....	56.00
Ministerial Education .....	17.00
Ministerial Relief .....	24.50
Minutes and Clerk .....	37.80
Baptist Hospital .....	23.90
Total .....	\$6,662.76

Number of Sunday Schools .....	21
Number of Pupils .....	1,296
Number of Teachers .....	98
Church Membership .....	2,715

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

I. N. BASS,

MACK SUTTON.

The committee on Apportionment made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee on Apportionment, urge the churches to raise, if possible, the following amounts for the cause of missions during the next Associational year, viz:

Antioch .....	\$ 35.00
Arm .....	25.00
Bethel .....	25.00
Bismark .....	10.00
Calvary .....	200.00
Crooked Creek .....	50.00
Carmel .....	10.00
Hathorn .....	50.00
Jay Ess .....	20.00
Monticello .....	150.00
New Zion .....	15.00
New Hebron .....	350.00
New Hope .....	10.00

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Oma .....	35.00
Oakvale .....	35.00
Providence .....	40.00
Shiloh .....	40.00
Smith Ferry .....	25.00
Silver Creek .....	15.00
Sontag .....	65.00
Tilton .....	10.00

Respectfully Submitted,

W. R. GIBSON, Chairman.

B. M. Russell read the report on Publications, and after having been discussed by him, J. R. Carter and Robert Bass, was adopted, as follows:

## PUBLICATIONS.

The question, "What kind of literature and what kind of books should enter the homes?" is a vital one.

It is an evident fact that what we read and what we meditate shapes to a great extent, our lives and characters. We are a part of all we come in contact with somebody has said, If this be true, then, how important it is that what we read and what we meditate on be the most wholesome that it is possible for man to find.

Literature has been the means of developing many a great man. It has likewise had a counter effect on many lives. We thus see that literature has a great influence in shaping the lives of those who came in contact or come under its influence. If literature then, has this influence, how necessary it is that all Christians see to it that good literature enters their homes. If it is expedient for Christians to observe this rule how much more important that the Baptists observe the same rule. If there is any home that ought to be more sacred to the Christian than the Christian home it ought to be the Baptist home, and the interests of this home ought to be guarded.

The publication of denominational literature then, ought to be a subject of great importance.

Literature is the means of diffusing knowledge. Knowledge is power and power is the strength of the church. If we are Baptists we ought to know why we are Baptists and we ought to let others know why we are Baptists. Our Baptist doctrines and Baptist beliefs should be spread abroad and in doing so we enlighten our members and thus strengthen our church and denomination.

The chief organ of the Baptist State Convention is the Baptist Record. This is a publication gotten up especially for the enlightenment of the many Baptists over the State, and it represents the

work, thought, and life of the Baptist denomination. If we are loyal Baptists we will see that this publication enters our homes for it is by this organ and through its influence together with the Baptist ministry that we are fed and kept alive to the doctrines and principles of the Baptist church. Baptist literature should find its way into the home very early for the earliest impressions are the most lasting, and if Baptist principles are inculcated in early childhood they are likely to last through life. The child's mind is the most plastic of all stages of life and if the mind in this stage is directed in the right way it will seldom depart from its early teaching. As the twig is bent so will it grow. So it is with the child's mind. If it is contaminated by worthless literature or confused by other religious doctrines, it is likely to grow in this condition. We should see to it therefore, that Baptist literature enters our homes in order to offset this influence.

As we read we think and as we think we grow and as we grow we become Christlike if our training and influence is Christlike. Reading Baptist literature does for the Baptist just what the sculptor does for the rough stone, namely, the rough corners are cut off and its sides are made smooth and it is changed from a rough huge mass into a smooth, lythe, and beautiful figure. Thus is the Christian made better, more useful and more attractive in God's service.

Our reading should be a matter of conscience as some one has suggested.

We should help prepare and distribute literature that will make Christians, good homes and happy homes. A committee of religious literature should be maintained in every Baptist church and this committee should see to it that the right kind of literature is used by the church. The Baptist Record, the Baptist Gem, the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal should be found in our Baptist homes for through these do we gain a knowledge of our people, doctrines, conditions at home and abroad.

Reading is not simply a matter of conscience, it is a matter of necessity. Our minds need development—they need food and without it they shrivel and become inactive. Other denominations are pushing their literature into our homes, and promiscuous publications are finding their way there too, and it is necessary that we fortify ourselves by inviting Baptist literature into our homes.

Let us help to make our denominational paper stronger and thus strengthen our denomination. If we would subscribe for the Orphanage Gem, the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Baptist Record we would know more of the needs and conditions here in our home land, become better acquainted with the conditions on the foreign fields and thus sympathize and pray more for all who need our help. If we would take these publications of the Baptist denomination into our homes and read them, we would

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have better homes, better citizens, better Christians and better Baptists, with broader religious horizons and deeper sympathies.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. RUSSELL.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. M. Armstrong in account with the Lawrence County Baptist Association, October 2nd, 1914.

Amount received from Finance Committee:

Associational Minutes .....	\$57.70
State Missions .....	54.50
Home Missions .....	27.30
Orphanage .....	17.24
Hospital .....	3.96
Mississippi College .....	2.15
Money received from various churches to defray delegates' expenses to S. B. C. ....	10.50
Balance on hand from last year .....	21.56
Total .....	\$194.91

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. V. Rowe .....	\$81.80
Paid C. S. Curtis .....	17.24
Paid Bryan Simmons .....	3.96
W. A. McComb .....	2.15
Herderman Bros. ....	47.66
Total .....	\$194.91

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer.

On motion the treasurers report was approved, as read.

Dr. J. P. Conn read the report on Ministerial Education, and after having been discussed by him, J. R. Carter and Robert Bass, a pledge subscription was called for by Robert Bass, which subscription is as follows: Antioch, \$5.00; Arm, \$5.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Bismark, \$5.00; Calvary, \$10.00; Crooked Creek, \$5.00; Carmel, \$2.50; Hathorn, \$5.00; Monticello, \$10.00; New Zion, \$5.00; New Hebron, \$20.00; New Hope, \$2.50; Oma, \$5.00; Oakvale, \$5.00; Providence, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$5.00; Smith Ferry, \$2.50; Silver Creek,

\$2.50; Sontag, \$5.00; Tilton, \$2.50; Jay Ess, \$2.50. The report was then adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In the outset I would make myself clear on this subject by saying that in my opinion some of the most efficient preachers our denomination has ever claimed were men of limited education. This class of preachers have done great good and there is yet much work for such men. But it is further my opinion that these very men would have been more powerful still, had they been supported in their work by an education. The home-trained physician has done great good in the world, but, owing to lack of proper training in youth, he has never been able to do the work of an Osler. Neither can the uneducated preacher, though loyal and true he is, ever do the work of a Gambrel or a Truett.

There have been great changes in the lives of men within the last fifty years. Owing to changes in our social structure, strange requirements are made of men. Great volumes of information are being thrown upon mankind as a whole. Out of this is gathered intelligence by all. Therefore, we all require more of each other.

The minister of the gospel does not escape these new requirements any more than other men. If he is to command the respect of mankind—and to do good he must have respect—he must be able to meet the requirements of his people. As I see it, he must be educated. For his people are informed and they are beginning to demand that their pastors bring to them the well organized thoughts of an educated man.

Now in these days of high cost of living, it is often hard for the poor boy to get together funds sufficient to meet bills during the time he is a student. God does not confine his calls to the ministry to wealthy boys. He calls many poor boys too. So we often see a poor preacher-boy cut off from a more useful life by lack of funds for securing an education.

Now the Baptist denomination appreciates these circumstances. And as a remedy the Baptist people of our state have organized or set aside a fund to aid the struggling preachers in getting an education. In my opinion this is a most important move. By aiding these young men at the proper time, we help them to become prepared to meet more successfully the forces of sin. And we aid them to get at their work earlier in life, thereby pushing our Masters business.

Of course, we need to watch our ministerial support closely that we may confine our donations to the worthy. But by looking after the matter in a business-like way, I believe we shall do much good and shall have the approval of our Heavenly Father. I hope to



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see the movement grow, for I believe that an educated ministry will be a most powerful force in destroying the bulwarks of sin.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. J. P. CONN,

J. D. HAM,

Committee.

The following resolution, introduced by L. I. Thompson, was adopted by the association.

"Resolved that the Clerk is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of this association, and that he be allowed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for his services, and that the Clerk be paid in addition thereto, the necessary postage in distributing the minutes, and that the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay for same when the work is done."

On motion the treasurer was instructed to turn over all money now on hand, to the proper authorities, to which said money was intended.

The following resolution, introduced by L. I. Thompson was adopted by the association.

"Resolved that the thanks of this association are hereby tendered to the members of New Zion Church and friends at large for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association."

On motion, the association adjourned to meet with Hathorn Baptist Church at Hathorn on the Columbia branch of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915 at 10 o'clock, a. m.

After song service, Dr. J. R. Carter led in the closing prayer.

D. M. LEE, Moderator.

C. E. GIBSON, Clerk.

## REPORT OF W. M. U.'S

- ARM—E. C. Atwood, president, Arm Miss.; Hattie Davis, secretary, Arm, Miss.; Pastor's salary, \$20; to the poor, \$4.45; State Missions, \$5.00; Home Missions, \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.25; Orphanage, \$16.95. Total ..... \$ 47 65
- ANTIOCH—Lula Thompson, president, Brookhaven, Miss., R. F. D. No. 5; Minnie Mayson, secretary, Monticello, Miss., R. F. D. No. 1. (Nothing reported.)
- CALVARY—Miss. Gertie O'Mara, president, Silver Creek Miss.; Miss Grace Mikell, secretary, Silver Creek, Miss.; Visiting Minister, \$17.50; State Missions, \$16.50; Home Missions, \$21.25; Foreign Missions, \$21.00; Other Objects, \$156.05; Orphanage, \$70.60; Colleges and

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Schools, \$8.00; Ministerial Education, \$5.00; Ministerial Relief, \$5.00; Miss. Baptist Hos- pital, \$11.90. Total .....		331.90
<b>MONTICELLO</b> —Mrs. W. C. Maxwell, president, Monticello, Miss.; Mrs. W. E. Driver, secretary, Monti- cello, Miss.; Pastor's Salary, \$22.70; Building & Repairing, \$25.00; Incidentals, \$0.50; State Missions, \$5.00; Home Missions, \$8.50; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Other Ob- jects, \$6.15; Orphanage, \$60.00; Colleges & Schools \$2.00. Total .....		134.85
<b>NEW HEBRON</b> —Mrs. J. E. Culpepper, president, New Hebron, Miss.; Mrs. J. D. Riley, secretary, New Hebron, Miss.; Pastor's Salary, \$10.00; Building & Repairing, \$3.00; State Missions, \$30.00; Home Missions, \$23.15; Foreign Missions, \$23.15; Other Objects, \$41.25; Orphanage, \$6.00. Total .....		136.55
<b>OAKVALE</b> —Mrs. L. M. Richardson, president, Oakvale, Miss.; Miss Lizzie Langston, secetary, Oak- vale, Miss.; Pastor's Salary, \$20.00; Build- ing & Repairing, \$18.15; Incidentals, \$74.90; To the Poor, \$27.50; Home Mis- sions, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$2.50. Total ..		145.55
<b>SONTAG</b> —Mrs. Laura Mullen, president, Sontag, Miss.; Miss Lillie Mae Covington, secretary, Son- tag, Miss.; Building & Repairing \$20.00; To The Poor, \$10.00. Total .....		30.00
Grand total .....		\$826.50

## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

<b>CALVARY</b> —S. S. Expenses, \$59.00; Orphanage, 75.61; Total .....		\$134.61
<b>CROOKED CREEK</b> —S. S. Expenses, \$10.79; to the Poor, \$2.50; Orphanage, \$3.05. Total .....		16.34
<b>MONTICELLO</b> —Building & Repairing, \$10.00; S. S. Ex- pense, \$11.37; Other Objects, \$9.51; Sun- day School Literature, \$28.26; Orphanage, \$15.85, Colleges and Schools, \$5.00. Total ..		79.99
<b>NEW HEBRON</b> —Incidentals, \$4.40; S. S. Expenses, \$49.20 State Missions, \$8.85; Home Missions, \$19.53; Foreign Missions, \$19.53; Other Ob- jects, \$15.00. Total .....		116.51
<b>OAKVALE</b> —Sunday School Expense, \$31.81; Orphanage \$4.52. Total .....		36.33

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SMITH FERRY—S. S. Expense, \$8.70; State Missions,	
\$3.25. Total .....	11.85
SONTAG—S. S. Expense, \$31.00 Total .....	31.00
Grand Total .....	\$426.75

NOTE—The above is a complete tabulation of the work of the W. M. U. and the Sunday Schools, as reported by the Church Clerks. The churches not mentioned above made no report. For the Sunday School Directory, see the main Tables on next page. The above amounts are included in the financial table. Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP WITH THIS ASSOCIATION.

R. J. Boone, Wanilla church .....	Wanilla, Miss.
J. M. Ritchie, New Hope church .....	Monticello, Miss.
N. A. Edmonds, New Hebron church .....	New Hebron, Miss.
C. H. Mize, Calvary church .....	Silver Creek, Miss.
J. W. Weathersby, Calvary church .....	Silver Creek, Miss.
Ted Polk, Bethel church .....	Monticello, Miss.
C. E. Dunaway, Bismark church .....	Jay Ess, Miss.
L. I. Thompson, Antioch church .....	Brookhaven, Miss.

## Our Dead.

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ARM—R. T. Reid.

ANTIOCH—Mrs. R. Crisco.

BISMARCK—Joe Price, Jr.

BETHEL—Carl Polk.

CALVARY—Miss Jonnie White.

CROOKED CREEK—E. Dixon, Jr.

HATHORN—Mrs. Emily Turnage.

JAYESS—Two reported, but names not given in letter.

MONTICELLO—E. L. Jones.

NEW ZION—Bettie Carr.

NEW HOPE—Amanda Keen, Marie Ballard.

OAKVALE—Miss Clara Polk, Joanna Polk.

SMITH FERRY—Miss Nellie Wilson.

SONTAG—Mrs. H. A. Neidhauser-Pink Smith.

SHILOH—Mrs. Martha Parkman.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Arm	W. S. Rodgers	Crystal Springs	W. J. Bourn	Arm
Antioch	L. I. Thompson	Brookhaven RFD 5	Riley Townsend	Monticello RFD 1
Bismark	T. L. Jones	Jay Ess	P. M. Price	Jay Ess
Bethel	Ted Polk	Monticello	W. J. Wilson	Monticello
Carmel	C. E. Dunaway	Topeka	M. S. Davis	Monticello
Calvary	J. W. Weathersby	Silver Creek	J. M. Armstrong	Silver Creek
Crooked Creek	N. A. Edmonds	New Hebron	Mack Sutton	Silver Creek RFD 4
Hathorn	J. R. Carter	Jackson	W. R. Daie	Hathorn
Jay Ess	W. F. Hutson	Knox	G. W. Alexander	Jay Ess
Monticello	J. E. Barnett	Prentiss	C. E. Gibson	Monticello
New Zion	R. C. Myers	Monticello	C. N. Carr	Monticello
New Hebron	N. A. Edmonds	New Hebron	O. P. Izard	New Hebron
New Hope	J. M. Ritchie	Monticello	E. V. Catt	Monticello
Oma	C. E. Dearman	Clinton	H. E. Little	Oma
Providence	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	Wade Polk	Oakvale
Smith Ferry	L. I. Thompson	Brookhaven RFD 5	C. H. Conn	Ruth RFD 1
Sontag	H. B. Price	Clinton	H. A. Wilson	Wanilla
Silver Creek	I. H. Anding	Summit	H. F. Buckley	Sontag
Shiloh	R. Drummonds	New Hebron	D. G. Langston	Silver Creek
Tilton	W. H. James	Lucien	A. S. White	Sontag
	Robert Bass	Clinton	J. R. Sauls	Tilton



## Historical Table Lawrence County Baptist Association

Date	Place of Meeting	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER
1901	Calvary	D. M. Lee	W. J. Armstrong	A. T. Longino	Not known
1902	Bethel	D. M. Lee	W. J. Armstrong	A. T. Longino	Not known
1903	Whitesand	D. M. Lee	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	Not known
1904	Antioch	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	J. P. Williams
1905	Bethany	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	N. S. Buckley	Bryan Simmons
1906	Shiloh	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	L. D. Posey	R. Drummond
1907	Society Hill	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	L. D. Posey	J. P. Williams
1908	Prentiss	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	L. D. Posey	R. J. Boone
1909	Monticello	L. D. Posey	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	J. B. Quinn
1910	Hebron	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	A. V. Rowe
1911	Hepzibah	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	J. O. Buckley
1912	Providence	R. Drummond	Wade Polk	J. M. Armstrong	R. Drummond
1913	Calvary	D. M. Lee	C. E. Gibson	J. M. Armstrong	C. H. Mize
1914	New Zion	D. M. Lee	C. E. Gibson	T. C. Carr	N. A. Edmond

I have tried in this table to give a complete table of the historical facts of the Association since its organization at Silver Creek, with the Calvary Baptist church, in 1901. The table is incomplete, but with the assistance of the brethren, I hope to obtain full and complete information. I will appreciate any correction and any information or suggestion that anyone will offer, and I trust that this table will prove worthy of my efforts.—Clerk.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES	POSTOFFICES
Arm	W. J. Armstrong	Arm	R. G. Atwood	Arm
Antioch	Charles H. Lee	Monticello R1	Clara Thames	Brookhaven R5
Bismark	T. L. Jones	Jay Ess	G. M. Price	Jay Ess
Bethel				
Carmel	J. H. Nations	Monticello	J. H. Hedgepeth	Monticello
Calvary	W. R. Rawls	Silver Creek	Lurline Armstrong	Silver Creek
Crooked Creek	W. J. Hamilton	Silver Creek R4	Betsy Dale	Silver Creek
	E. C. Newsom		Jewell Blackman	
Hathorn	C. F. Barclay	Hathorn	Emma White	Hathorn
Jay Ess	J. F. M. Rowell	Jay Ess	C. T. Carney	Jay Ess
Monticello	T. C. McCullough	Monticello	Leon Russell	Monticello
New Zion	J. R. Cox	Monticello R1	C. N. Carr	Monticello
New Hebron	L. R. Bush	New Hebron	O. P. Izard	New Hebron
New Hope	E. V. Catt	Monticello	Janie Catt	Monticello
Oma				
Oakvale	Dr. P. R. Polk	Oakvale	Amye Langston	Oakvale
Providence	James A. Andrews	Verna	Lizzie Andrews	Verna
Smith's Ferry	J. I. Breland	Wanilla	Willie Tyrone	Wanilla
Sontag	W. F. Byrne	Sontag	H. F. Buckley	Sontag
Silver Creek	D. G. Langston	Silver Creek	Annie Fortenberry	Silver Creek
Shiloh	A. S. White	Sontag	Mrs. Georgia Dickens	Sontag
Tilton	E. L. Speights	Tilton	Eldora Bozeman	Tilton

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